

the 2002 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program. This special honor is an appropriate tribute to the academic accomplishment, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement displayed by these remarkable young adults. We all have reason to celebrate their success, for it is in their promising and capable hands that our future rests.

The finalists of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program are being honored for showing that same generosity of spirit, depth of intelligence, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan. They are young men and women of character, ambition, and initiative, who have already learned well the value of hard work, discipline and commitment.

These exceptional students have consistently displayed their dedication, intelligence and concern throughout their high school experience. They stand out among their peers due to their many achievements and the disciplined manner in which they meet challenges. While they have already accomplished a great deal, these young people possess unlimited potential, for they have learned the keys to success in any endeavor.

As a Member of Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to join their many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to the finalists of the 2002 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship program.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
EDITH K. SHARP

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Edith K. Sharp was born near Sugarcreek on May 13, 1903; and

Whereas, Edith K. Sharp is celebrating her 100th Birthday today; and

Whereas, Edith K. Sharp must be commended for her years of service in the WW I Veterans Organization and her dedication to family and community; and

Whereas, Edith K. Sharp has exemplified a love of life and service to God as a member of the United Church of Christ in Dover, Ohio;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Dover and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Edith K. Sharp as she celebrates her 100th Birthday.

TRIBUTE HONORING KASEE
STRATTON OF PITTSFORD, MI,
2003 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLAR-
SHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics,

leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Kasee Stratton, winner of the 2003 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future. As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Kasee is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Kasee is an exceptional student at Pittsford High School, and possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. Kasee has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics, as well as volunteering her time as the Youth Chair on the Hillsdale County Community Foundation's Board of Trustees. Kasee has won the Optimist Club's Community Service Award and the Historical Society Academic Award, among others.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Kasee Stratton for her selection as winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF HENRY KARL
REDEKER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Henry Karl Redeker upon the death of this outstanding person.

Henry Karl Redeker was born March 31, 1960. His ability to touch lives in the most kind and sincere way will continue to bless his wife Susie, his family, friends, and community.

Mr. Redeker will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him for his love of life and his devotion to all those he loved. The understanding and kindness which he gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. His life and love gave joy to all who knew him.

I offer this token of profound sympathy to Susie Redeker, along with the family and friends of Henry Karl Redeker.

IN SUPPORT OF AOPA

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association's (AOPA) Airport Support Network to save general aviation public use airports in California and across the entire United States. AOPA is the world's largest civil aviation organization, representing over 395,000 members who own or fly general aviation aircraft—more than half of all pilots in the United States.

Public and privately owned general aviation airports across the nation have fallen victim to mounting pressures for closure and restrictions; California airports are no exception. These community airports play a critical role to provide general aviation access to the San Diego community and the entire national air transportation system.

AOPA has pioneered two critical programs that work to protect and preserve safe and secure access of general aviation pilots to the nation's airspace and airports—the Airport Support Network and the Airport Watch Program.

The AOPA Airport Support Network provides a vehicle for pilots to communicate with AOPA. The program establishes an early warning system to alert AOPA and local communities of any efforts that may threaten airport viability. AOPA's Airport Support Network uses pilots as the "eyes and ears" at every public use airport, to preserve general aviation airports and their role in the national air transportation system.

The Airport Support Network has been very successful in my home state of California. AOPA efforts have produced successful steps toward the preservation of two very important California general aviation airports—Oceanside Municipal and Montgomery Field. The Airport Support Network encourages communication and activity that most recently resulted in the city council of Oceanside supporting an airport master plan that will ensure continued operations at the airport. I am encouraged by these efforts and believe that the Airport Support Network will help ensure that our system of general aviation airports remains protected and viable.

Airport Watch Program, formed out of a partnership between AOPA and TSA, was created to keep these viable airports safe and secure. Pilots and members of the general aviation community are being instructed in what to look for in the manner of suspicious activity at their airports. Educational materials have disseminated throughout the aviation community. Pilots are instructed to either contact local authorities or report suspicious activity to a nationwide toll free hotline—1-866-GA-SECURE.

Airport Watch is a great example of AOPA's efforts to promote security while preserving the freedom of the skies.

Again, I want to commend the AOPA and the over 49,000 members residing in the great state of California. I strongly support keeping general aviation airports open and will continue work with them in their efforts towards this end.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER
JEFFREY D. VOLTZ

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Naval Officer, Commander Jeff Voltz, who has served with distinction and dedication for almost two years for the Secretary of the Navy, as the Congressional Liaison Officer for Civil Engineering, Appropriations Matters Office under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial